

REMARKS

1. Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1, 3 –16, 18-31, and 33-46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,339,821 (“Fujimoto”), in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,930,804 (“Yu”).

In addition, the claims stand provisionally rejected under a 35 U.S.C 101 double patenting rejection.

2. Comments

Whilst Applicant does not agree with the Examiner’s contention that the claims are obvious, the claims have been replaced with a new set of claims more particularly focused on the invention(s) described in the specification.

These new claims render the 35 U.S.C. rejection moot and applicant, therefore, does not need to address this specific rejection.

3. Conclusion

Having tendered the above remarks and amended the claims as indicated herein, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are now in a condition for allowance, which is earnestly solicited.


It should furthermore be noted that the above amendments to the claims have not been made within view to overcoming any prior art of which the Applicants are aware, or that has been cited in the present Office Action. The above amendments have been made with a view to modifying the form of the claims and the claims have not been deleted because of references.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would in any way expedite the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Garth Vivier at (408) 947-8200 ext. 245.

Respectfully submitted,

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